

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

Claim 1 (currently amended): A mail item receiving device comprising:

a support plate on which ejected mail items will accumulate,

a front wall, joined to the support plate, on which these mail items will abut upon their ejection,

two lateral walls joined to the support plate, and

a rear wall, joined to the support plate and two lateral walls, configured to align these mail items once they have fallen on the support plate,

~~where~~ wherein the mail item receiving device is configured to receive the ejected mail items from a folding and inserting machine and said support plate ~~comprising~~ includes two hollows ~~made~~ provided on either side of its longitudinal axis at ~~the~~ a level of its join ~~with~~ at which the support plate is joined with said front wall, and

wherein each hollow creates an opening between a respective lateral wall and the front wall and said rear wall comprises hooking means configured to cooperate with feet of a folding and inserting machine for connecting the receiving device to the folding and inserting machine.

Claim 2 (currently amended): The device of claim 1, wherein said hooking means comprise two clips ~~cooperating with~~ which respectively clip on to two front feet of the machine.

Claim 3 (original): The device of claim 1, wherein said lateral walls each present an outer corner without sharp angle.

Claim 4 (original): The device of claim 1, wherein said rear wall integrating the hooking means is reinforced by ribs.

Claim 5 (original): The device of claim 1, wherein the device is made by moulding plastics material in one piece.

Claim 6 (original): The device of claim 5, wherein said lateral walls and the front wall are made of transparent material.

Claim 7 (previously presented): The device of claim 1, wherein each opening allows items received on the support plate to be accessed through the opening.

Claim 8 (previously presented): The device of claim 1, wherein each of the lateral walls further comprises a rounded corner located opposite the support plate and rear wall.

Claim 9 (canceled).